

*A* 16. (New) A method of determining a tire pressure in a vehicle tire comprising the steps of:

ascertaining a first fluid pressure in a conduit disposed between a fluid source and said tire using a sensor disposed in said conduit;

comparing said first fluid pressure to a target pressure;

providing a pulse of compressed fluid to said conduit when said first fluid pressure is less than said target pressure, said pulse having a duration determined responsive to a duration of a previous pulse of compressed fluid provided to said conduit and a change in pressure in said conduit resulting from said previous pulse; and,

repeating said ascertaining, comparing, and providing steps until said first fluid pressure in said conduit reaches said target pressure.

*N* 17. (New) The method of claim 16 wherein said first fluid pressure is ascertained following a predetermined hold time that begins after said previous pulse is provided to said conduit.

*3* 18. (New) The method of claim 16 wherein said duration of said previous pulse is a preset period.

*4* 19. (New) The method of claim 16 wherein said duration of said pulse is determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$D_1 = n * D_0 * [(P_T - \text{temp}_1) / (\text{temp}_1 - P_L)]$$

wherein n is a predetermined value,  $D_0$  is said duration of said previous pulse,  $P_T$  is said target pressure,  $\text{temp}_1$  is said first fluid pressure and  $P_L$  is a previous fluid pressure in said conduit resulting from said previous pulse.

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~~5~~ 20. (New) The method of claim ~~16~~, further comprising the steps of:

determining a second fluid pressure in said conduit following a predetermined line leak hold time; and,  
comparing said first and second fluid pressures.

~~6~~ ~~5~~ 21. (New) The method of claim ~~20~~ wherein said tire pressure equals said first fluid pressure if a difference between said first and second fluid pressures is less than a predetermined amount.

~~7~~ ~~5~~ 22. (New) The method of claim ~~20~~ further comprising the step of logging a line leak fault if a difference between said first and second fluid pressures is greater than a predetermined amount.

~~8~~ ~~5~~ 23. (New) A method of determining a tire pressure in a vehicle tire comprising the steps of:

ascertaining a first fluid pressure in a conduit disposed between a fluid source and said tire using a sensor disposed in said conduit;

comparing said first fluid pressure to a target pressure;  
incrementing a counter when said first fluid pressure is less than said target pressure;

comparing said counter to a predetermined value;

providing a pulse of compressed fluid to said conduit when said first fluid pressure is less than said target pressure and said counter is less than said predetermined value, said pulse having a duration determined responsive to a duration of a previous pulse of compressed fluid provided to said conduit and a change in pressure in said conduit resulting from said previous pulse; and,

repeating said ascertaining, comparing, and providing steps until said first fluid pressure in said conduit reaches said target pressure or said counter reaches said predetermined value.

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~~9~~ 24. (New) The method of claim ~~23~~ wherein said first fluid pressure is ascertained following a predetermined hold time that begins after said previous pulse is provided to said conduit.

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~~10~~ 25. (New) The method of claim ~~23~~ wherein said duration of said previous pulse is a preset period.

~~11~~ 26. (New) The method of claim ~~23~~ wherein said duration of said pulse is determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$D_1 = n * D_0 * [(P_T - \text{temp}_1) / (\text{temp}_1 - P_L)]$$

wherein  $n$  is a predetermined value,  $D_0$  is said duration of said previous pulse,  $P_T$  is said target pressure,  $\text{temp}_1$  is said first fluid pressure and  $P_L$  is a previous fluid pressure in said conduit resulting from said previous pulse.

~~12~~ 27. (New) The method of claim ~~23~~, further comprising the steps of:

determining a second fluid pressure in said conduit following a predetermined line leak hold time; and,

comparing said first and second fluid pressures.

~~13~~ 28. (New) The method of claim ~~27~~ wherein said tire pressure equals said first fluid pressure if a difference between said first and second fluid pressures is less than a predetermined amount.

~~14~~ 29. (New) The method of claim ~~27~~ further comprising the step of logging a line leak fault if a difference between said first and second fluid pressures is greater than a predetermined amount.

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